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TO : Director of Training

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FROM :

SUBJECT: Visit to Ft. Holabird, Maryland on 5 January 1954

1. On 5 January 1954 I traveled by car to Ft. Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland to visit the Counter Intelligence Corps School at the invitation of Colonel T. A. Hoffman, Assistant Commandant and Director of the School. I was met by Lieutenant Colonel Guenard and Major Molmen, instructors in the School, who are also experienced CIC Operations Officers. They introduced me to Colonel Hoffman who in turn took me into see Colonel Erskine, Assistant Commandant in charge of the Fort and deputy to General Campbell. General Campbell is both Chief of the Counter Intelligence Corps and Commandant of the Fort and the Counter Intelligence School. I discussed briefly with both of the Colonels the placing of our representatives in future sessions of the basic Counter Intelligence Course, the Advanced Officers' Course, and the specialized schools, and found that they were quite prepared to accept qualified representatives from CIA. In particular, I referred to Colonel Hoffman a candidate from the Office of Security who would like to attend an early meeting of the basic course which is held almost every week. Colonel Hoffman told me that most of their courses include both officers and enlisted men, as they start a new course whenever they have thirty men on the post enrolled for the course. Only very infrequently do they have as many as thirty officers to place in a special officers' course.

2. I felt that the atmosphere of the School was a little less formal than is usual on Army posts. For instance, on the placques beside the classroom doors naming the course and the instructor, there was the usual collection of lieutenant colonels, majors, and captains, but also several corporals and pfc's. The expert on photography, who was working on the construction of a new dark room with fifteen bays fully equipped to accommodate fifteen trainees for a six-week course in photographic techniques, told me that his classes include privates and Military Attaches, and that his men are frequently astonished at the zeal of the Attaches who not infrequently work far into the night with the ~~best~~ boys learning photography technicalities.

3. After lunch with Colonel Hoffman, Guenard and Molmen took me through nearly every corner of the huge concrete block warehouse of the former Quartermaster's depot which has been adapted by the Counter Intelligence School for classrooms, laboratories, training aids and technical equipment display rooms, libraries, a book and phonographic record shop and several other uses. Although two buildings designed for

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the purposes of a CIC School have been planned, only one has been approved by the Army engineers and would not be useful without the other, so the CIC has done all of the re-arranging and remodeling of the former Quartermaster's quarters on their own.

4. At two o'clock we attended [] lecture which was delivered with his usual competence and aplomb in spite of very inadequate information on his part as to what topics they wanted him to cover. I would like to see one or more CIA representative deliver lectures at the CIC School, but it is apparent that in order to be effective such lectures should be planned in advance with CIC instructors so as to be properly integrated into the CIC course.

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5. [] drove home with me and we agreed that the questions asked of him after his lecture were not as perspicacious as we expected from captains and majors with several years CIC experience. I noticed that the members of the course had laid aside all books, papers, and typewriters and took no notes during [] lecture. He told me that one of the men explained to him that this is the usual procedure for lectures by visitors as the men are not held responsible for the content of such lectures.

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6. Colonel Guenard is a linguist and takes a special interest in their language laboratory which is very similar to ours and was set up with the help of []. Guenard has visited our laboratory and said he would like to do so again. I encouraged him to come over whenever he can, partly because I think it would be well to discuss with him in detail how to incorporate in his course a lecture or two such as [] in a more meaningful way.

7. [] and I had an opportunity to meet General Campbell and talk with him briefly after the lecture, which he attended about the latter half of the hour. General Campbell has had the benefit of [] briefing over here, and we found that everyone at Ft. Holabird enjoys Shane's lecture to the advanced course, which is to be given this time early in April.

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